

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2007.

Claims 1-30 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-30. The present Response cancels claims 12, amends claims 11 and 13-20, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-20. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

The drawings are objected to failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 100, 106 and 108.

Figure 1 has been amended to remove reference numerals 100, 106 and 108. Replacement figure 1 is enclosed.

Claim 12 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim (claim 11). Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 11 and 13-20 have been amended to be "computer-implemented" systems. For this reason, claims 11 and 13-20 are believed to be statutory.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Soares et al. (VersionWeb: A Tool for Helping Web page Version Control).

Claims 1, 11 and 21 read as follows:

1. *A method for propagating an application wherein the application includes a plurality of components, said method comprising:*  
*selecting a destination environment;*

*propagating the components from a source environment to the destination environment according to a set of rules; and*

*wherein the propagation of at least two of the components can be performed in parallel.*

11. *A computer-implemented system for propagating an application wherein the application includes a plurality of components, said system comprising:*

*a process interface operable to accept propagation requests;*

*a difference engine operable to propagate the components from a source environment to a destination environment according to a set of rules;*

*threading model operable to instantiate instances of the difference engine; and*

*wherein the propagation of at least two of the components can be performed in parallel.*

21. *A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:*

*select a destination environment;*

*propagate a plurality components of an application from a source environment to the destination environment according to a set of rules; and*

*wherein the propagation of at least two of the components can be performed in parallel.*

These claims state that “the propagation of at least two or the components is done in parallel.” This is not shown or made obvious by Soares.

Soares describes a version web tool that encapsulates and provides a user-interface for CVS (Concurrent Version System). A Wikipedia description of CVS is enclosed with this amendment. The concurrent version system allows multiple users to check out files

and send modified files to a server, but CVS (and version web that encapsulates CVS) does not propagate components in parallel.

Propagation is the movement of files from a source location to a destination location. In Soares, multiple users can have files checked out but each of the multiple users propagates the files serially.

For this reason, claims 1, 11 and 21 as well as dependent claims 2-10, 12-20 and 22-30 are believed to be allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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